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Top Stories from the Drug Enforcement Administration, January 29 to February 11, 2011

Designation of Bank as Money Laundering Concern, Ties to Hizballah, Drug Trafficking

On February 10 DEA and the Department of the Treasury announced that the Lebanese-Canadian Bank SAL, together with its subsidiaries was now a financial institution of primary money laundering concern under Section 311 of the USA PATRIOT Act. This action also exposes the terrorist organization Hizballah's links to LCB and its international narcotics trafficking and money laundering network.

Several individuals involved in this global drug trafficking and money laundering network hold or utilize cash deposit accounts at LCB to move hundreds of millions of dollars monthly from illicit drug sales into the formal financial system and coordinated the laundering of these funds through key foreign nodes of the network using LCB accounts. Drug Kingpin Ayman Joumaa and his Lebanon-based drug trafficking and money laundering network, along with several other individuals have used LCB to launder narcotics proceeds – as much as \$200 million per month – as part of this international money laundering network. On January 26, Treasury designated Joumaa along with nine individuals and 19 entities in his network as Specially Designated Narcotics Traffickers pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act.

"The Lebanese Canadian Bank for years has participated in a sophisticated money laundering scheme involving used cars purchased in the United States and consumer goods overseas. Thanks to DEA-led operations, as well as today's Treasury action, we are exposing and disrupting this money laundering network and its connections to global drug trafficking and Hizballah," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart.

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Operation Four Horsemen Results in Millions Shared With Georgia Law Enforcement

In Atlanta on February 3, DEA announced that millions of dollars in seized assets from the two-year investigation *Operation Four Horsemen* were being distributed to law enforcement agencies who contributed to the case.

DEA began Four Horsemen in mid-2007 and this investigation led to the uncovering of two Mexico-based drug trafficking cells and a determination that Atlanta was a primary distribution point for the organization. The organization imported narcotics into the United States along strategic border points in Texas, and then transported and stored narcotics in Atlanta before distributing them in Atlanta and other cities along the east coast. In addition, the group organized and collected large amounts of bulk narcotic proceeds and coordinated transportation from Atlanta back to Mexico. During *Operation Four Horsemen*, more than \$23 million and 567 kilograms of cocaine were seized, and 23 organization members were arrested. In addition, the investigative information uncovered during *Four Horsemen* resulted in the initiation of multiple investigations leading to seizures that included more than 400 kilograms of cocaine, 1,445 kilograms of marijuana, and approximately \$7 million in Texas.

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LA Roundup Targets 38th Street Gang on Drug Trafficking, Gun, Violence Charges

DEA announced on February 1 that nearly 800 law enforcement officers were involved in takedown operations targeting the 38th Street gang, arresting dozens of defendants, many of whom are named in a federal racketeering indictment alleging a host of violent crimes, large-scale drug trafficking, and extortion of both drug dealers and legitimate businesses. The 38th Street gang, one of Southern California's oldest, is the subject of a 130-page grand jury indictment. Fifty defendants are charged with violating federal RICO Act by acting on behalf of the gang and participating in murders, murder plots, attempted murders, narcotics trafficking, robberies, extortion and witness intimidation.

The racketeering indictment alleges that the 38th Street gang is controlled by the Mexican Mafia prison gang, which demands "taxes" from the 38th Street gang and gives authorization for gang members to engage in certain criminal acts, such as extortion and murder. In one particularly violent incident alleged in the indictment, gang members dressed up as FBI agents and other law enforcement officers and shot their way into a house, where they tied up and kidnapped a man. During a subsequent high-speed chase, the victim was allegedly executed with a bullet to his head.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Drug traffickers will do almost anything to smuggle drugs around and into this country. You may have heard stories of gangs and dealers using baby carriages, wheelchairs, traps and compartments in vehicles and loads of legitimate cargo to keep their drugs concealed from authorities. Recently there have been cases of smugglers using body cavities to hide drugs and incidents where people and animals have been forced to swallow drugs in order to hide them. One of the most famous of these cases took place five years ago this week when it was revealed that a Colombian drug trafficking organization was surgically implanting heroin and cocaine in purebred puppies. In total 22 Colombian traffickers were arrested and 24 kilograms of heroin and six kilograms of cocaine were seized. To learn more about this operation, click [here](#).

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